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#### DECLARATION OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE

In the verbal inspiration of the

Bible.

2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotien Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and nacessary for forgiveness of sins.

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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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#### COVER PICTURE

The picture on our front cover is that of the Sunday School at Fitzgerald, Ga., on February 5, with a record attendance of 325. One year before, to the day, their attendance was 93. For the month of February, 1950, they had a record average at-tendance of 247. The pastor states, "We are having fine services, with somebody getting salvation almost every Sunday night.
We are elated with the way the Lord is
blessing us here in Fitzgerald. We have a
splendid Sunday School superintendent, who is still hustling the Sunday School, which was not built on condy, red apples, or con-tests, but on hard work and prayer."

On the front row, at the extreme right, stands the pastor, Rev. T. W. Godwin; next to him is the Sunday School superintendent, Brother Ollie Parsons; and next is the assistant superintendent, Brother Dan Hall.

#### WANTED

A Church of God evangelist in Dahlonega, Ga., for a revival. Write to Rev. L. F. Clements, Pastor, Dahlonega. Ga.

#### EIGHTH NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Thousands of persons who attended the Eighth National Sunday School Convention of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Missouri, March 15-19, began streaming back to their homes last night as the "most successful Sunday School convention of America" came to a close.

The Rev. Paul Copeland, director of the convention, said the registration totaled about 4,000, and that more than 8,000 persons were present to enjoy the convention sessions.

The final day of the convention, Sunday, was marked by a city-wide rally for Sunday Schools of the entire community. A definite upswing in attendance was reported everywhere, and much of this was attributed to the events of the Sunday School Convention and to the city- and county-wide "Sunday School Week" which captured the City for Christ and the Church. A great Sunday School rally was conducted Sunday afternoon, which featured a visual display in which representatives of 481,045 people—the Sunday School army of the Assemblies of God organization—pledged their service and loyalty to the work of the Sunday School and the church.

Foremost in interest was the "Genesis to Revelation Bible Reading," which was carried on in the main window of the Heer's Department Store on the city square. The first chapter of Genesis and the last chapter of Revelation were read in unison by the audience at the Shrine Mosque

in the opening and concluding meetings of the Sunday School Convention. The rest of the Bible was read by 165 persons from thirty churches of the city and county, two persons taking an hour, and reading in fifteenminute shifts. The Rev. Hart R. Armstrong, who directed the Bible reading, declared that the task was accomplished in 74 hours and 30 minutes.

#### REQUESTS

PRAY FOR:

Brother and Sister Ivory James who were in an automobile accident.—Mrs. Annie Jenkins, Seaford, Dela.

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God to heal my 2 sons and a daughter; our children to be saved.—Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Kannapolis, N. C.
The healing of my body; my unsaved friends.—Miss Florence Easter, Mt. Airy, N. C. A friend to be sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and healed of heart trouble; my healing.—Lillie Mooney, Galax, Va.
My wife to be healed; me.—A. R. Pearson, Porterville, Calif.
The healing of my body.—Mary E. Stocks, Kingsland, Ga.
My family to be healed.—Mrs. Ray Eller, Titus, Ga.

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My family to be healed.—Mrs. Ray Eller,
Titus, Ga.
God to heal me of a nervous condition.—
Donzel Paynter, Davin, W. Va.
Rev. Morris Lee, pastor at Darlington, S. C.,
to be healed.—Brady Dennis, Greenville, S. C.
My sister to be healed.—Miss Ida Ruth
Hand, Wetumpka, Ala.
The healing of my body.—Mrs. Elizabeth
Smith, Coldwater, Miss.
My mother to be healed; the healing of my
body: our unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Barney
Ahl, Baxley, Ga.
My father to be saved; my mother to be
healed of cancer in the mouth.—Lucille McCay, Remlap, Ala.
My unsaved children; me to be healed
stomach trouble.—Mrs. Hattle Goodru
Hornsby, Tenn.

My unsaved children; me to be healed stomach trouble.—Mrs. Hattle Goodru Hornsby, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Lucy Goins, Tuscumbia, Ala.

My husband to be healed.—Sarah E. Fuller, San Angelo, Texas.

My mother who has been afflicted for about two years.—Emily Alwin, Corbin, Ky.

God to heal me of asthma and strengthen my body; my two sons to be saved.—Lewis J. Price, Ninety Six, S. C.

Mrs. Inez Allen who has bad nerves and kidney trouble; me to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. Crommer Harris, Lavonia, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Nancey Dyke, Soddy, Tenn.

My brother to be saved.—Ethel Rizer, Perry.

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The healing of my body.—Mandy Norton, Rockmart, Ga.

Mrs. Bonney Corn who is recovering from a serious operation.—Mrs. J. C. Corn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. L. C. Hembree, Elberton, Ga.

My husband to be saved.—Mrs. R. C. Chandler, Donalsonville, Ga.

The healing of my body; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. H. A. Groves, Dallas, Tex.

Me to be healed of a hurting around my heart.—Mrs. Morris Odom, Donalsonville, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Luther Deering, Mentone, Ala.

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Mentone, Ala.

God to give me faith to go through withm.—C. D. Postlewalt, Freedom, Pa.

A sister who has had a nervous breakdown.—Sam W. Edmunds, Baltimore, Md.

God to fill me with the Holy Ghost.—O. J.

Huggins, Orlando, Fla.

My family and me; a home that is broken up.—Louise Long.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble, low blood, and nervousness; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Dave Godin, Adairsville, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Frank Williams, Sheffield, Ala. Sheffield, Ala

Me to be healed of heart trouble.—G. W. Fagan, Newberry, S. C. The Lord to heal my husband of electrical burns.—Mrs. I. J. Smith, Miami, Fla. Me to be healed of cancer.—Patsy Mandola, Davin, W. Va.

## **EDITORIALS**

TRUMAN'S PASTOR REPLIES TO POPE CATHOLICISM TOTALITARIAN LIKE COMMUNISM, HE SAYS; ASKS WHY REDS LIVE IN ROME

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's pastor, Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, said today that the Roman Catholic Church is totalitarian, and he rejected the intation of Pope Pius XII for Protestants to become atholics for a fight on Communism.

"It is inconceivable that one form of totalitarianism can be defeated by the mere adoption of another form, however exalted the ideals of the other may be," Dr. Pruden declared in a sermon.

He is pastor of the First Baptist Church, which Mr. Truman attends. The President was not present this morning however.

"If Communism is to be defeated," Dr. Pruden said, "it must be achieved as a result of men and women working together in a free spiritual and political atmosphere, and in full recognition of one another's rights and privileges as individuals.

"The very fact that Communism in Itay has become such a tremendous force in that nation after hundreds of years of the presence there of the headquarters of the Roman Church, makes us wonder if the Roman Church is really the answer to Communism which is frequently claimed for it."

His sermon was a reply to the invitation issued by Pope Pius on December 23, the eve of the Catholic holy ar, to all believers in Jesus Christ to "return to the one true church" for a union against atheism.

Dr. Pruden, disclaiming the right to speak for all Protestants or even for his own denomination, said the suggestion that all Christians unite in one church "seems to me to be utterly foreign to the spirit of the New Testament."

#### 70 MILLIONS JOIN ANTI-COMMIE GROUP

NEW YORK (UP)—Sixty national organizations, representing some 70,000,000 Americans, launched a permanent anti-Communist organization today to fight Communism in every town across the nation.

The grass-roots drive was authorized by delegates to the American Legion-sponsored "All American" conference in a resolution branding world Communism as "the greatest present threat to domestic security and peace on earth."

A second conference, to be called within 90 days, will establish a "permanent pro-American, anti-Communism, unified and cohesive organization," the unanimously adopted resolution said.

#### AN INFIDEL'S TESTIMONY

An infidel once made the following testimony:

"Did I firmly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion would be to me everything. I would cast aside earthly enjoyments as dross, earthly cares as follies, and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Religion would be my first waking thought and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness. I would labor in its cause alone. I would take thought for the morrow of eternity alone. I would esteem one soul

gained for heaven worth a life of suffering. Earthly consequence would never stay my hand nor seal my lips. Earth, its joys and its griefs, would occupy no moment of my thoughts. I would strive to look upon eternity alone, and on the immortal souls around me soon to be everlastingly miserable or everlastingly happy. I would go forth to the world and preach to it in season and out of season, and my text would be, 'What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

When Mr. C. T. Studd, the great Cambridge cricketer of England, read these words, they made such a tremendous impression upon him that he gave up a legal career to go to the dark places of the earth as a missionary. He says, "Then decided me at once to love only and utterly for Christ."

While reading his Bible one day, Mr. Studd applied the story of the rich young ruler to himself and gave away his entire fortune, a half million dollars, and followed Christ in voluntary poverty. His last term of service was in the heart of Africa for nearly thirteen years without a furlough.

Listen to Mr. Studd on "Who soever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

"Don't seek a long life—Christ had a short one.

"Don't live in luxury—Christ lived and died poor.
"Don't live in pleasure—Christ pleased not Himself.

"Don't live in fame—Christ made Himself of no reputa-

"Don't live at ease—Christ suffered for you the shame of the scourge and the cross."

Every saved person knows the truthfulness of the infidel's statement. We know that there is a heaven and that there is a hell because the inspired Word of God tells us so. We know that all mankind is destined to spend eternity in one of the two places; those who accept Christ are saved, and those who reject Him are lost. Therefore, the supreme duty of every born-again believer is to live and work for God; to be a soul-winner, so as to "by all means save some." —Western Recorder.

### IT CAME THROUGH

Some years ago the late King George was about to begin his speech opening the Naval Conference in London. It was to be broadcast all over North America through fifty-nine radio stations. The current was to flow through one set of wires energized by one generator.

At the last moment, someone in the Columbia broadcasting rooms tripped over the wires and broke them. Instantly the chief control operator grasped the broken ends, and for twenty minutes he literally spliced them through his body, until the break could be repaired. Spasms shook his arms, but he heroically held on, and the operation was a success, thanks to his grit.

A greater than an earthly king has a message for dying men. Sinners have broken the wires; the connections have been lost. Let us splice them, Christian preachers, missionaries, parents, friends! Let the message of redeeming love pass through you.

True, it may cost you something. Why should it not? Jesus was commissioned to carry His Father's emancipation proclamation to this world of sinbound slaves. The message passed through His own precious body and left it hanging limply on a cross, broken, bleeding and lifeless. BUT THE MESSAGE CAME THROUGH. The message of the Father came through.—Message of the Open Bible.

# End Times

By A. E. Erickson, Bigtimber, Mont.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," 2 Tim. 3:1, 7.

In the midst of a world of turmoil, mistrust, unrest, wars, cold and hot, waging all around, with men's hearts failing them for fear of the things coming upon them, it is with gladness that we have an eye opener into future events. God has not left us wholly ignorant in respect of His plans. The vision of Daniel's seventy weeks gives us some insight into deeper truths. The king's vision of the great beast typifies the nations that would flourish until the time of the ten toes, when a Rock (stone) cut out of the mountain rolled down upon the feet of this great image and crushed them. And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Two events are approaching very rapidly; namely, the gathering of His jewels (the Church) and the revealing of the man of sin of Daniel's writing and the beast of Revelation (the antichrist). If, as any Bible scholars seem to agree, the Church is taken out of the Philadelphian age, then it is logical to conclude that we have entered the toe stage of the image. To the Philadelphian Church was written these words; Rev. 3:10. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience. I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth." Also, verses 20-22: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." Then let us notice verse

1 of chapter 4: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter." Does this not indicate the fulfilment of 1 Thess. 4:14-17 where Paul says, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout (hallelujah), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

After this the seals are opened. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be," Matt. 24:21.

What is the order of the two events before us? Do they both transpire before this time of trouble?

We know the world is preparing for a superman, someone who can solve their problems and for a time give them promise of a new Utopia. What does God say about it in His Word? The answer is that one will come. Just as sure as we had the Dayspring from on High (Jesus) visit us in human form, so will this man appear on the scene. The conditions before us certainly make a springboard for this man of sin. What, with low morals, the sanctity of the home relegated too the past, crime waves increasing, mistrust, hatred, nations at variance with one another, peace pacts broken as soon as they are made, world security feverishly being sought for and on and on! Surely the world is in need of someone to help them in their affairs. He is coming! Jesus said so. "I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him will ye receive."

Has this prophecy been fulfilled? Has he already come? John said the Spirit of antichrist was present in his day. Many of the martyrs believed he was present in their day in the form of the Pope. When Lord Cobham was facing martyrdom, he was asked, "Then what do you say of the Pope?" His reply was, "He and you together make the great antichrist, of whom he is the great head; you bishops, priests, prelates, and monks are the body; and the begging friars are the tail." He was condemned as an heretic because he would not adhere to Roman Catholic doctrine. He was finally hanged by the middle with chains and burned with fire, praising an magnifying God.

"There were many arguments for this belief; e.g., the abundant persecution of the Protestants during the Dark Ages, when they were hunted like animals, sawn asunder, carved, flayed to pieces, bit by bit flesh was torn from their limbs with red hot pincers, tongues torn from their mouths, the iron maid used wherein they were torn and stretched apart by degrees, etc. These things present a very strong case; then their claim that they are the mother church though they didn't come into existence till about 300 A.D.; also the teaching of the infallibility of the Pope, transubstantiation, purgatory, worship of Mary, idol worship, etc.

A doctor drew my attention to number of pictures he had in his po session of the big Marion Congre held in Quebec, Canada, about two or three years back. Thousands of Catholics flocked to this congress. A huge image of Mary attracted the delegates, and ardent worshipers kissed her feet until the toes were worn away. Mass was said in the many confession booths in the open air. Another argument for it is the fact that "the Pope claims to be the Vicar of Christ: that is, one deputed, or authorized to perform the functions of another. This is indeed anti-Christian. In fact, all the system is. This system is the cause of at least 90 million martyrs being stabbed, shot, stoned, drawn asunder, beheaded, drowned, quartered, impaled, burned, etc.

The question naturally arises, can the antichrist do worse than this his short reign of infamy? Maybe not, but it is certain from the accounts given in Scripture that his perpetrations of sufferings will seem many times worse. Rome has definitely a great amount to answer for, but the antichrist will undoubtedly have more.

What do our missionaries say about this system to-day? They tell us in (Continued on page 15)

## Sky-lights..

#### RICHARD BAXTER

Richard Baxer, with several other expelled ministers, at one time resided at Coventry. They were holding services in a house not far from the city. As Mr. Baxter had to preach early in the morning, he set out for the appointment the preceding night. It was a very dark night, and he missed his way.

After wandering around for some time, he spled a lighted house on the hiliside. He hurded to it as fast as he could and asked to allowed to stay overnight. The servant, by consent of his master, let Mr. Baxter in, and he was treated with great hospitality.

During the evening meal, the gentleman inquired his guest's trade or profession. From the way his host had spoken several times, Mr. Baxter saw he had to be on his guard. So he quietly replied, "I am a man-catcher, sir."

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"You are the very one I want, then," said the man. "I am the justice of the peace; and I am on the watch for Dick Baxter, who, I am told, will preach tomorrow morning at a house near by. Together we can catch him."
Mr. Baxter remained silent as to his own identity, and agreed to accompany his host. Early the next morning, they set out in the justice's carriage for the place. It was a beautiful Lord's Day and, as they journeyed along, Mr. Baxter litted his heart to his heavenly Father for guidance and protection.

When they arrived, the people were gathering; but apparently no Dick Baxter made his appearance. The magistrate was disappointed and said to his guest, "I suppose he's heard of our designs and is not going to fulfill his engagement."

After waiting quite a while for the coming of the nonconformist, Mr. Baxter told the justice it was a pity that so many people had gathered together on the Lord's Day and could not hear at least a short sermon on religion. "Why don't you give them an address your-elf, magistrate?" said Baxter.

"I haven't my prayer book with me," said be justice, "and it wouldn't do to begin such a service without prayer. However, I should think a man of your appearance could offer a prayer and talk to the people."

After declining a few times, Mr. Baxter began the meeting with a powerful prayer, for he was eminent as a man who knew how to pray. Then he delivered a very serious sermon, quoting Scripture and applying it to the occasion in a marked way. The justice was melted to tears, and at the close of the discourse said he was thankful that Baxter had not come, for he had never before been so moved by a sermon in his life. Mr. Baxter replied, "I am the very Dick Baxter that you are looking for. I am at your disposal."

But the justice had no enmity left. The Word of God had done its work and had broken the hard heart. The magistrate be-

But the justice had no enmity left. The Word of God had done its work and had broken the hard heart. The magistrate became a Christian.—Gospel Herald.

#### PASTOR'S SERMON BRINGS \$25,000 CONTRIBUTION

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)—An anonymous caller telephoned Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, and asked him to be at a downtown bank the next day. When Dr. Caudill appeared, the stranger approached and said:
"I heard your morning sermon over the dio yesterday, and I was inspired to the tent that I would like to give \$25,000 as an endowment to assist young people who desire to prepare for the ministry."

#### MY CHOICE

"Fine day," said a man to a farmer. "Bad for the potatoes," was the discontented reply. Next day, being wet, the man said, "Fine weather for potatoes." "Yes, but bad for the corn," said the farmer. Many, like him, stay at Grumble Corner.

"It ain't no use to grumble and complain,
It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice;
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain.

Why, rain's my choice."

#### WHAT YOU LAY UP!

John Wesley said once: "You will have no reward in heaven for what you lay up; you will for what you lay out. Every pound you put in the earthly bank is sunk; it brings no interest above. But every pound you give to the poor you put into the bank of heaven. And it will bring you a glorious interest."

#### DO IT NOW

I expect to pass this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—Stephen Grellet.

#### SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business,
Your bonds and stocks and gold,
And in all worldy matters
You are so brave and bold.
But why are you so silent
About salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus?
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,
And crops of corn and wheat;
You speak of friends and neighbors
That pass along the street;
You call yourself a Christian,
And like the gospel plan—
Then why not speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus And the story of the cross, That you lower His pure banner And let it suffer loss? Have you forgot His suffering?
Did He die for you in vain?
If not, then live and speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man.

#### ARE YOU A BRICKLAYER OR A BRICK-THROWER?

Bricks! It's funny about bricks. You'd think it would be easier to lay them than to throw them. But I've seen a lot of church members in my evangelistic career who could throw a ton of bricks at a preacher when they didn't have the strength, or time, or disposition to lay a dozen and help build a church. It is so easy to pass on a few good hard bricks of faultfinding, or criticism, or discouragement, or pessimism, or something else so they will hit the preacher right over the ear instead of taking a few bricks of hard work, co-operation, faithfulness, optimism, prayer, and laying them right along side his bricks, where they will count.

I am wondering if all the church members shouldn't join the brickslayer's union and let the brick-thrower's union go to smash and smitherines!—Western Voice.

#### PENITENCE

Oh, that I now an infant child might be, A babe of innocence on Mother's knee! Oh, that I had not known the pain and care, The crosses that I daily now must bear... Alone! those cruel words that glance of scorn, Yea, better that I had not e'en been born.

Oh, fateful day when from His side I strayed; Poor wretched soul that should have watched and prayed. He was my dearest Friend; He understood; He loved me as none other ever could. He held my hand and gently led me on, But now that fellowship with Him is gone. O Gentle Master, where art thou? Return; For Thee my broken heart cries out; I yearn To feed upon they pleasant pastures green, To drink thy living waters, cool, serene; To feel Thy hand upon my aching brow. O Master, help me to receive Thee—now. Florence Renner, 2126 N. W. 59th St., Miami

#### STRENGTHENED!

May I understand, O my Father, that the strengthening of the inner man is love's brightest jewel, given in its roughest casket. Thou canst not send it to me through the flowers of Eden; it can only come through the tears of Gethsemane. It justifies the long dark night with its describedness and its agony. In the light of Thy love the dark things are illuminated by Thee.—George Matheson.

"It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy."—George

#### FOLLOWING CHRIST

A stranger came to the late Dr. Stearns at the close of a preaching service and said, "I don't like your preaching, I do not care for the cross. I think that instead of preaching the death of Christ on the cross, it would be far better to preach Jesus, the Teacher and Example."

Dr. Stearns said, "Would you then be willing to follow Him?"

"I would; I will follow in His steps." "Then," said Dr. Stearns, "let us take the first step, 'Who did no sin.' Can you take this step?"

The stranger was somewhat confused. "No," he said, "I do know sin, I acknowledge it."

"Then," said Dr. Stearns, "you do not need Christ for an Example, you need Christ for a Saviour."-Sel.

#### THE PEANUT MAN The Story of George Washington Carver

By Harry Albus

Here is a fascinating, new "junior" Here is a fascinating, new "junior" biography picturing the life of the famous Negro scientist, George Washington Carver. Juniors readily grasp the author's vivid, pictorial account of this great man's boyhood, education, accomplishment, and the permeating influence of his Christianity.

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# Your Pastor and Evangelist

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#### Your Pastor

1 Thess. 5:12, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

Verse 12, "Know them." Act kindly toward them; acknowledge them as the messengers of Christ; and treat them with tenderness and respect.

Verse 13, "Esteem them very highly in love." Christian ministers who preach the whole truth and labor in the Word and doctrine are entitled to more than respect; the apostle commands that they be esteemed abundantly, and superabundantly; and this to be done in love. And, as men delight to serve those whom they love, it necessarily follows that they should provide for them, and see that they want neither the necessaries nor conveniences of life, I do not say comforts, though these also should be furnished; but of these the genuine messengers of Christ are frequently destitute. However, they should have food, raiment, and lodging for themselves and their household. This they ought to have for their work's sake .-Adam Clarke.

Your pastor is called, ordained, and set in the church as pastor-shepherd by God Himself.

Purpose: Eph. 4:11-14, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

You will note that pastors are given as blessers of the church. They are to play a great part in the perfecting of the church; and in the edifying of the church. They are to be instrumental in bringing about a state of unity of the faith, and of building the

church in knowledge and stature.

The position of your pastor is not a subordinate one. He is not to be looked upon as a second-hand man around the church. He is not subordinate to any member or members of the local church. But rather, his position as pastor-shepherd and overseer of the flock is one of honor. By virtue of his office, he is to take the oversight of the flock. He is chairman of all the local church boards and committees. No church project should be launched without his knowledge or consent. No council meeting should be called by any member or members of the local church in the absence of the pastor. No special services should be announced for the church without first talking the matter over with the pastor and getting his consent. No major changes should be made in any department of the church work without first talking over the proposed changes with your pastor. No member of any local church should take the initiative, or precedence over the pastor in opening the regular services and making the announcements, unless asked to do so by the pastor.

No God-called, sincere pastor will take the oversight of a church as lord over God's heritage, but will command the respect of his people, by being an example to them.

#### Your Evangelist

Evangelists, unlike pastors, are not appointed for a period of two years. Ordinarily, their engagements for revivals last from two to three weeks. In order that they may keep busy and have regular work, they must of necessity have one revival follow another. If there happens to be a space of one week between revivals, they are losing one-third to one-fourth of their time. Of course, you can readily see what this will do to their income.

Evangelists, like pastors, are dependent on their ministry and the income they receive from same for the support of themselves and their family. Being human, they are desirous that their families be supplied with the necessary things of life, and that they and their families be able to appear in public in a presentable manner. If they are able to do this, it

will be necessary for the pastor and churches where they are conducting revivals to see that they are given a reasonable salary in offerings each week. The Bible has said that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Those who have had experiences in revival work know that conducting revivals is hard work and very exacting when one gets into the work with all his or her might.

Pastors, do your best for your evan gelists. If you have a good evangelis and he or she does his or her best, your church will be blessed with new souls, new members, and of course, new members generally mean more finance for the pastor and more strength for the church. Yes, it always costs something in dollars and cents to have a revival, and many times it would seem that the sacrifice, perhaps, is not justified; but my experience has been that it pays to play fair with the evangelist and always practice the golden rule. That is, do unto your evangelist as you would want him to do unto you if your positions were reversed.

I am reminded now of a certain pastor who was asked by his state overseer when he planned a revival. His answer was, "I know I need a r vival, but how am I going to live if have to give the offerings to the evangelist?" It is true that his church was not too strong and his finance was limited, and because of a fear that he might not receive a support if he engaged an evangelist, this pastor kept putting off a revival effort. He struggled on throughout the year without making much progress. Assembly time came, a new pastor was appointed to the pastorate of the church. The new pastor had a vision which reached beyond his present needs, financially speaking. His first move was to secure the best evangelist he could engage. He saw to it that the evangelist was given fair offerings. a revival brought in some good members, the pastor's finance began to increase, and he continued to engage the best evangelists he cou secure for revivals, having one revival effort after another throughout the year. By the end of that Assembly year, his church had almost doubled in membership and had doubled in tithes and offerings over the year before. So, after all, it is not to expensive to have a revival and do the best part possible by your evangelist .-From Mississippi Messenger.

## FIELD Reports

#### TELEGRAM

A great day in Crisfield, Md., April 2. Raised \$5,000 to start on our church building.-W. T. Morefield, Pastor.

#### NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH HIM

LAURENS, S. C .- The Church of God at Laurens, S. C., of which Rev. Grady L. Waters is pastor, is moving on for Christ. Yes, the Lord is blessing in almost every service, with new souls saved, blacksliders reclaimed, sanctification and Holy Ghost blessings being received, miraculous healings, and, most of all, the fire continues to remain within our midst as shouts ring forth from the camp. During the last four and one-half years that Brother Waters has been with us, the church has constructed a magnificent structure, valued at \$135,000, for a memorial unto our God, purchased a \$6,000 parsonage, and built a nice lunch room valued at \$1,500. Words can never express how the Lord has stood by our pastor in his untiring efforts, and the good people, to prove that nothing is impossible with Him when done according to His will.-Winford M. Cox, Clerk.

#### GOD GAVE US A GREAT DAY

GRENADA, Miss.-The Church of God here gathered on February 12, for a home-coming. We were privileged to have our highly esteemed state overseer, Rev. John L. Byrd, and also our much beloved district overseer, Rev. A. D. Gammill, who is doing a great work in the Stonefield District. We were happy to have the former pastor, Rev. Timmie Whittington, and his quartet, of McCall Creek, also other singers from all parts of the State. Through the cooperation of the members and friends of the church, God gave us a great day. We were happy to have all the ministers of the Stonefield District with us. Our pastor, Rev. J. L. Brasher, is a blessing to the church. We raised \$1,600, which freed our church from all indebtedness. Our next step is for a parsonage. Pray much for us here at Grenada.-Mrs. J L. Brasher, Reporter.

#### GREATEST SPIRITUAL PROGRESS EVER WITNESSED

The Church of God is enjoying the greatest spiritual progress I have ever witnessed. I can't explain the how or the why of it all. Many of our churches have more than doubled their entire activities—the Sunday Schools, the Y. P. E.'s, church membership, finances, revivals, souls praying through to old-time victory. There seems to be one steady march forward in every way. No landslides of miraculous accomplishments, just progress. I have never enjoyed my work in a greater degree than I have in the State of Louisiana. I have never seen a more loyal ministry (men who will cooperate in every way) than I have found here. Surely the Lord is drawing His people close to Him in these last days. We have recently set two new churches in order and are working to revive another that has been inactive. We feel that the coming of the Lord is very near. Pray for us .-T. M. McClendon, State Overseer.

#### TELEGRAM

PHOENIX, Ariz.-Had a great day, with 219 in Sunday School, Could not seat the people in night service. They stood in the aisles and yard. Mission offering over \$600 .- F. W. Goff.

#### LORD, I BELIEVE

By Brady Dennis, State Youth Director of South Carolina

It has been my happy privilege to be able to attend several of the recent soul and body revival services which Rev. Thea Jones has been conducting. We know that God has been manifesting Himself through humble Brother Jones. In Greer, last fall, Rev. Jones conducted a few services in the Armory, with hundreds and thousands of people attending. The whole country was stirred. Great and mighty things were accomplished for God. We also attended meetings at Easley and Greenville, S. C., and Johnson City, Tenn. It is nearly unbelieveable to think how such meetings could stir the community unless you once had the privilege to attend.

In these meetings, we have seen various kinds of healings-the blind

saw, the deaf heard, the dumb spoke, and the lame walked. There were those who would testify of being healed in previous meetings. Jesse Lee Bressy, Route 1, Six Mile, S. C., was blind and was attending the Cedar Springs School for Blind and Deaf. She was healed in the Easley meeting and later attended the meeting in Greenville. She was then preparing to enter the regular school.

A little boy, about 9 years of age, Clifton Moore, Ariail Station, Easley, S. C., who was extremely cross-eyed, was definitely healed.

One-man who attended the meeting at Laurens had two children who were deaf. He brought the one to the meeting there and the other to the meeting in Greenville. Both were healed.

#### SALVATION TOO

Not only, do we find people being healed in these services, but the greatest is that sinners see the mighty miracles of the Lord, their hearts are moved, and they are made to see their lost condition before God: thus hundreds are making their way to an altar of prayer and finding peace for their souls.

#### CALIFORNIA'S WILLING WORKERS' REPORTS

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We deeply appreciate the interest of each church in reporting, and trust that we shall soon have 100 per cent of our churches reporting each month on the work of the L. W. W. B. May the Lord richly bless you as you continue to labor for Him throughout 1950, and let us strive together to make it the best in the State of California.

Mrs. J. H. Rughes,
State President L. W. W. B.

# The Attribute of God

By REV. W. W. GRANGER, Box 751, Jena, La.

Text: St. John 3:34, "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him."

The Scripture

As we understand the process of creation more perfectly, in Genesis 1:26 we are told that God created man in His own image, after His likeness. Those who do not agree with the Scripture perhaps have some vague, or indefinite, rule which they might follow, yet with even this in the minds of some, there are others who express conviction very definite and to the point as to how they actually came into existence, from God.

Our Ignorance

Our ignorance at birth might well be compared to the very beginning of the human race, at which time we are said to have come from God. Hence, we believe at the time man came into the world, he knew nothing about what actually had taken place; neither did he know he existed, or where he existed, until he received word from God.

The apt minds of our day are ever ready to prove by way of application. or fact, any particular thing or cause which might be accepted as truth. Men have learned that light travels at the speed of 186,000 miles a second. which can be proved; the size of the world, whereupon we exist, has been proved to be approximately 25,000 miles around: and so it is with many other like examples of our time. But with all the learning we have in the world, and the many ideas of creation that prevail today, nothing can be proved as to where men came from except by the Scripture. God, in the Bible, claims to have made man from the elements of the earth, and this step confused scientists, as they could not find in mortal man the exact number of elements, for a long time: but finally they have discovered that man is composed of exactly the same number of elements that are found in old Mother Earth.

A Son of Zebedee

John, the writer of our text, was the brother of James, and was a very close friend of our Lord while He was here on earth. He was the disciple whom Jesus loved and one of those who made up the inner circle of friends who were the closest to Him. The Gospel of John was probably written to the Christians in Asia Minor. The main and twofold purpose John had in mind was to prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Yet this does not support a proved fact, when it comes to our present-day world.

The Open Mind

We are instructed from our youth, from a time at which we knew nothing. It is said that a young American baby in a foreign land will come to know their native language, with no assistance, just as a foreign child would learn our language here. If that be the case, the mind is open to whatever it is attracted by. One might believe most any theory, justifiably, yet be out of harmony with everyone else who is correct.

Everyday Experience

Something is learned from our everyday experience which we might rightfully lay claim to, and that is the fact that we do exist, and we do learn by observation, as well as by the other body senses, which all of us possess, with few exceptions. If we are to know for a fact that a certain thing might be brought into existence, we are more apt to want to prove that fact for ourselves. If we are told that two parts of hydrogen and two parts of oxygen make water, some might have to perform the actual test to be firmly centered in this truth, while most of us accept the words of those who have found this to be the case. To ascertain the works, or attribute, of God it is then necessary to hear someone who has been in His company.

Who Was Jesus

If we accept the Bible, our text tells us that, according to one of His followers; Jesus was sent from God, and was sent for a purpose. John 3:34: "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God." This was a

statement from John the Baptist, which was brought to light over the question of purifying (John 3:25), which gives rise to more interesting news as to who Jesus was. In th following verses, John said (v. 27) that man could receive nothing except it be given him from heaven. Concerning himself he says, "I am not the Christ, yet I am sent before him." (v. 28). Then (in v. 30) he stated that he must decrease, but Jesus must increase. When we begin to analyze verse 31 and break it down, we find that Jesus was not only a man but that Jesus came from heaven. If this was the actual thing which happened, then Jesus knew something no one else knew about, concerning heaven.

What Jesus Said

John 3:32: "And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony." Jesus was in a position to say something that would bless the world, yet the world would not listen to Hin The fact that He knew something of heaven was not why they would not hear Him, but because what He had to say interfered with the way they were living. True enough, Jesus spoke about heaven, but He gave testimony of what men would have to do in order to get there. This they refused to do.

Word Meaning

The word "attribute" carries with it the thought of a quality or character to be ascribed to.

God-His Attribute

John 4:24: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Jesus was speaking to a very sinful woman at a little city of Samaria named Sychar. This woman learned the truth of Christ's message, for she was honest with herself. If Jesus came from God He should know something about God. What did Jesus say about God the Father?

The Father the Sender

John 5:37: "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape." To know the attribute of God, we are to remember that "attribute"

means quality, or character; yet in this passage we are at a loss to find either, because Jesus, the One whom the Father hath sent, says we have not heard, neither have we seen His shape. If we never see a thing, and never hear a thing, we learn nothing, yet it could exist without our knowledge. Someone may be at variance at this point, yet the text says Jesus spoke the words of God. John 3:34 "For he whom God hath sent speak-th the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him."

The Words of God

Jesus claimed to be sent from the Father, in John 5:37, and if the words He was speaking were the words of God, we might admit to ourselves that He knew something of God, even though we are not able to see with the eye, or hear with the ear, of whom He spoke.

A Quality or Character

A quality or character of a thing, if we are to learn about it, must exist. John tells us Jesus spoke the words of God, in our text, and not only did He speak the words of God, but no limit is placed upon the Spirit He received. Then in John 5:37 we are told that Jesus bore witness of the Father. "And the Father himself, which hath ent me, hath borne witness of me." A quality then must be a substance, and a character must be a person. Jesus was that person; Jesus was that character and quality.

Jesus the Attribute of God

1 Tim. 3:16: "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentlles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." This scripture does not say that God is flesh, only God's quality and character were expressed in the flesh, and that was accomplished by His Son Jesus Christ.

To "manifest" is to make known, evident to the senses, and especially to the sight.

To be justified in the Spirit, Moffatt says, is to be vindicated by the Spirit, which means to lay claim to, or defend.

The Claims of Jesus

Jesus had to lay claim to the title which He spoke of Himself, by the character and quality of His life.

In the early life of most every Christian there will be a test or temptation from the enemy. Jesus, as is spoken of in Matthew 4, was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of

the devil. Had He not been that character and of that quality to overcome the devil, He would not have rightfully laid claim to the title He possessed.

As we read in Heb. 4:15, we understand Jesus was tempted, and in more than one way. He was tempted in all points like as we, yet without sin. What was the meaning of all this?

#### The Meaning

It means He was different from other people. Jesus was tempted, true enough, but did not yield to the temptation. Then, if He did not yield to the devil, He must have been a quality or character manifested before men for a purpose. What was the motive? What was the purpose? Why did Jesus not give in to temptation? Did it mean anything for Him to be the only person in all the world to overcome the devil? Was He some kind of a God?

#### The Manifestation of God

Jesus was not God, as we have already learned from John 4:24. God is a Spirit. Then who was Jesus? He never claimed to be God. As He spoke to His disciples after the resurrection, He plainly stated to them (Luke 24: 39), "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a Spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." So, if God is a Spirit, Jesus was not God, because He was a person. A better way perhaps to explain the Being of God, or His set manifestation, would be toget from the word "temptation" some definite fact. In James 1:13; the Scripture says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." We are told in this passage that it is impossible to tempt God. Strong's Concordance tells us the word "tempted" here means "God is not to be tempted, for He is untried." So we learn that Jesus was not God, for Jesus was tempted, and in all points like as we. Well, what is meant by the manifestation of God? This would be, as Webster puts it, "to make known, evident to the senses, especially to the sight." Then we conclude there must be quality and character for men to follow after. 1 Tim. 3:16: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." Jesus was then

the divine manifestation of *God the Pather* in the flesh, and not God. Then we might say Jesus was the divine attribute of God.

Religious Professors

No matter what the profession might be of a person, nothing but a good life here can fit men for a better life hereafter. Jesus spoke to those Jews who were the religious leaders of their day, who had in their possession the Old Testament, of which He said, in John 5:39: "Search the scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." They were not ignorant; they were the higher classes of their day. yet they did not know the meaning of what Jesus was saying. So, Jesus had to manifest Himself to a lost world, and as Moffatt says about being justified in the Spirit, that He was vindicated by the Spirit, or defended, and laid claim to His divine deity. So it is with every true child of God in our day; if we are to express to a lost world we are the products of Christ, we must express it with our lives.

The Quality and Character of God If we are to know the quality and

character of God, whom we cannot see or hear (John 5:37: "Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape), it will have to be based upon His Son Jesus.

Text Explained:

With no boundary attached to Jesus, such as death and life. He came here speaking the words of God. What were the words of God? Heb. 6:18: "That by two immutable things, in which if was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." Again, in Titus 1:2 we read: "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Then from these two scriptures we believe if Jesus spoke the words of God, He spoke the truth, for the words of God would be truth.

The Message of Jesus

In the beginning, when Jesus stated His mission to the world and who He was, the world turned against Him, drove Him outside the walls of the church; and for the most part His lifework was done outside of the church. Some today will drive off the message of Jesus, when it is preached, yet who can win against God? Some believe that the word "saint" indicates

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#### TENT-MEETING DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN



Telegram
DURHAM, N. C., has greatest revival in history. Brother Alton Edenfield, evangelist. About 125 saved, 82 sanctified, 91 baptized with Holy Ghost, 66 baptized in water, 84 added to church. Sunday School attendance for one Sunday, 593. Now have 272 members. Building, soon, an addition to our new church to seat approximately 600 .- Roland Verrico, Pastor.

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.-The New Home Church of God just recently closed a 2 weeks' revival, with Sister Byrd and Sister Anderson as the evangelists. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 1 reclaimed, 5 baptized in water, and 7 added to the church. We lacked only 3 doubling our membership. Our Sunday School has doubled and we are expecting greater things in the future. We desire your prayers.-M. F Robinson, Pastor.

WHITWELL, Tenn.-We certainly praise God for a glorious revival several weeks ago. We were very fortunate in having with us Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Leatherwood. Sister Leatherwood is a grand pianist, and Brother Leatherwood's good singing and Holy Ghost preaching stirred our hearts. God met with us every night in a great way. Sinners and seekers filled the altar every night and prayed through. There were 30 saved, 22 sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water, and 18 added to the church. The Leatherwoods are great workers for Jesus and will bless any church.

We also thank the Lord for our good

pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Phillips. They certainly have been a blessing to our church. We can't praise God enough for the way we are progressing under their faithful leadership. During August, 1946, the month before Brother and Sister Phillips came here, there were 504 in Sunday School, During January, 1950, we broke all past records for Sunday School. We had an attendance of 1,665. We have gained 135 members, which now gives us 247 members. Our Y. P. E. is also making great progress. God is blessing us in a great way, and truly we are thankful.-Grace Morrison, Reporter; Louise Russel, Assist-

Note: Brother Phillips was recently appointed pastor at Alton Park, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Telegram

WEST FLINT, Mich.-Just closed a great revival. Many were blessed. On Sunday, March 19, raised an offering of \$1,500 to help purchase lots for new church. This week end we raised another large offering for missions, of \$1,071. God is blessing in this marvelous way at West Flint, for which we are grateful.-R. E. Lovelle, Pas-

ELBERTON, Ga.—The Church of God here is progressing. We are having a revival, although we are not in a scheduled revival. In one of our prayer meetings the power fell and 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost. On another prayer meeting night 3 joined the church. In the following Sunday night service 1 was saved, 2 sanctified, and 9 joined the church. Our pastor, Rev. J. W. Heaton, is a wonderful

man of God. The church is proud to have a pastor like him. Pray much for us.-Mrs. Robert Childs, Clerk.

EUPORA, Miss.-We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival at Fame. conducted by Rev. L. C. Greene and his evangelistic party. The church was blessed and several prayed to definite experiences. We had the best crowds we have had since I came here as pastor. Anyone would do good to secure Brother Greene and party for a revival.-W. E. Walker, Pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—It is being said that the Lord hath done great things for the Church of God here at Coffeyville, and truly the Lord is working with the church and confirming the Word. At the conclusion of a three weeks' revival with Orville Moses, Jr., as the evangelist, we were able to report 28 saved, 15 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. Large crowds attended the revival, and waves of glory swept over the congregation from the first night of the revival. Brother Moses is an inspired minister, and his messages were timely and uplifting. The revival closed, but the revival spirit is continuing to prevail in our midst.-Joseph M. Daugherty Pastor.

LOXLEY, Ala .- We are glad to report the good work going on here. Brother and Sister Clyde Helms just closed a revival here in which a number were saved and added to the church. God is surely blessing under the leadership and guidance of our pastor, Albert Reed. We truly thank God for him and his family.-Ethel Boone, Reporter.

Telegram

HONEA PATH, S. C .- Entering 5th week of revival at Honea Path, S. C. Forty-eight saved, 30 sanctified, 19 filled with Holy Ghost, 28 added to church.-H. L. Hunt, Pastor; W. C. King, Evangelist.

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#### SILENCE

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Text: "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction," Proverbs 13:3.

We often associate noise and bustle with great undertakings. We like to hear the confused murmur about a new building or a new bridge—the songs of the workers, the rattle of machinery, the sound of the hammer and the saw. Ever since the tongues were confused at Babel, every great building operation has been a babel of tongues and labors and sounds.

We have recorded, however, in 1 Kings 6:7 that the great temple of God was built in silence. "And the house when it was in building was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." Silence was one of the highest tributes that the workmen could give to God.

Too often it is customary for us to look for God in our services in boisterous manifestations. It is also common for us to credit the value of a sermon by the preacher's bodily manifestations, or by how loud he can speak, whether he ever tells us anything or not. Too many of us, much of the time, are like Elijah was as he fled to Mt. Horeb to seek shelter from the threats of Jezebel. 1 Kings 19:11, 12 has this to say-"And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice." We look for God in noisy manifestations because we are in the habit of associating noise with God.

It is also true that many can not go to God in prayer unless being heard for quite a distance. I realize that there are times when we must cry aloud, but there are times also that we need to pray calmly and listen to God talk to us for a change. Plain, simple meditation before God helps a thousand times more at times than all the loud praying one could do.

In 1 Samuel 1:13 it is written that Hannah prayed an answerable prayer to God during one of her darkest hours. It was a disgrace, during her time, for a wife to be barren. In her distress she told God about it, and God answered her prayer when Samuel was born unto her. The Bible says that only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; she prayed in her heart to God whose ears are always open to our prayers.

We are also guilty, many times, of offending others with the hasty words which come forth from our mouths. A traveler tells a story of seeing a curious sign painted conspicuously beside a railroad where it would attract the attention of the engineers on

passing trains. It read, "Shut your ash pan." He asked the meaning, and a friend riding beside him explained it was intended as a warning to engineers that they were coming to a long wooden bridge, and the company did not want any hot coals dropped on it, lest the bridge be set on fire. It set the traveler to thinking about the careless way in which men and women scatter hot, provoking words, regardless of what passions they might set on fire. "Shut your ash pan" is a good warning to heed. Indiscreet talking is responsible for a great amount of mischief and heartaches.

Charles H. Spurgeon, one of England's greatest preachers of the nineteenth century, had this to say about silence: "A man of silence is a man of sense." Silence can be a blessing to us and others in all the adventures of life.

Solomon tells us, in Ecclesiastes 3:7, that there is a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak. God grant that all of us may have the wisdom and understanding to know when to speak and also when to keep silence.

## THE LIGHT By Rev. Jeremiah R. Jenkins Box 102, Lee College

Text: Matt. 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world."

We find that there were four hundred years of spiritual darkness upon this world. Then after that long silence and darkness the voice of Jehovah was heard again. Matthew 3 relates that John the Baptist preached in the wilderness of Judea and prepared the way for the Lord Jesus. In the first chapter of St. John we read "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life: and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehend it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," John 1:1-9.

Turning to St. John 8:12, we hear Jesus saying, "I am the light of the world." In St. John 9:5, He said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1:7. Matthew 5:14 tells us that we are the light of the world.

Since we are the light of the world, people are looking at us. They are watching the way we live. Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light," 1 Peter 2:9.

We have been called into His marvelous light, and we certainly need to be careful how we live. When a person begins to live slack, his light begins to go out. Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Knowing this we are challenged all the more to be bright and shining lights for God and His Church in this

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-E. W. Williams, State Overseer.

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#### MISSIONARIES RETURN TO MIDDLE EAST



Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Hatfield and Children

On March 29, at noon, the Reverend and Mrs. D. B. Hatfield left New York by air to go to their post in the Middle East. Brother Hatfield has been serving as superintendent of this area for approximately three years. He will be making his headquarters at Nicosia, on the Island of Cyprus, which is only an overnight ship ride to Egypt and a few hours from Palestine. Because of the strained relations between Egypt and Palestine, and to prevent weeks and weeks of waiting, it became necessary to have a clearing point in entering each country, thus Cyprus is the ideal location.

Egypt will allow only a limited stay in her country; in Palestine, living costs are terribly skyrocketed, which makes it prohibitive for missionaries to live there, for the Jews from every nation under heaven are returning to their own country and their one-year-old flag. They have taken up all the available housing facilities; in fact, last November we saw thousands of families living in tents and huts waiting for houses.

When Brother and Sister Hatfield first went to Palestine the war clouds between the Jews and Arabs were gathering fast. Being requested to go to Egypt, he left only a few days before the actual fighting began. In

Egypt the shells burst and the bullets whistled over their little home, and many nights they lay flat on the floor praying that in some way God would undertake so that the gospel could go to these people. Once during a cholera plague, when thousands had died and their bodies were burned in order to stop this epidemic, Little Sheralyn took a severe attack of something they thought to be cholera, but God was merciful and spared the child's life, for which all of us were thankful. While in Egypt last summer, I heard from a reliable source that many of the nationals, to avoid having the bodies of their loved ones burned, placed the corpse on carts, covered them with cabbage, and brought them up with the cabbage into the cities. Then at night they buried their dead in the cemeteries.

The Church work in Egypt has shown progress through all the difficulties and many hindrances. It was late last October that the Hatfields returned to give the Mission Board a graphic picture of the possibilities and great opportunities of the Middle East. The General Overseer and I, being scheduled to go to India to handle the serious situation that threatened the whole work of the Church of God in India, visited Palestine and made

a rather thorough investigation of this field. Upon our return we met with the Mission Board, and it was decided that Brother Hatfield should return to Cyprus for his headquarters, since living costs there are better.

Please pray for the Hatfields. They are not only facing the devil we know, but must meet head-on the fierce opposition of the Arabs and Mohammedans, as well as the careless attitude of the Nationalistic Jews, who glory in the restoration of their literal kingdom rather than in the heavenly.

We have 26 churches in Egypt. In Cairo- one church has had services every night, I believe for 26 years. They have raised a considerable sum of money to apply on a much-needed larger building. A number of other places are struggling to build. Anyone wishing to assist them, remember we will gladly help you to be a blessing to them. We have a nice little mission in Bethlehem, our Saviour's birthplace, and of prospective location in Jerusalem. You should pray for the work in Palestine, and I may say, help the Lord answer your prayers.

#### **TESTIMONIES**

STARKE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me, and for keeping my two brothers safe through the last war. They were both overseas about two years. I know it was only the mercy of the Lord and prayers answered that brought them back without any mutilations or wounds. I also praise the Lord for His healing power.—Mrs. L. S. Williams.

About three weeks ago I suffered a terrible pain in my eyes and head. The saints of God prayed for me, and after several almost sleepless nights God answered prayer and all the pain left. Praise His name! I cannot praise the Lord enough for His goodness to me.—Mrs. Charles Prince.

MONROE, Tenn.—I truly thank God for what He means to me. I'm more than glad of the victory I have in my soul right now. We have a baby two months old and he had a stomach trouble that seemed to be impossible for a doctor to cure. He cried nearly all the time, but about 3 or 4 nights ago I prayed for him and asked God to heal him. The baby is almost well. He does not cry very much and takes naps sometimes between 2 and 3 hours long. Truly I thank God for this.—Dorothy Ringley.

## The Parents' Responsibility to the Child

By REV. C. D. COLEMAN, Pastor, Albany, Oregon

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Prov. 22:6.

Since we, the Church, are losing so many of our children, surely someone is letting the fence down. We must keep them fenced in by providing for them food from the Word, warm by the fire of the Holy Ghost and fresh with the love of God. In order to do this we must know and abide by God's teaching in His Word.

"Train up a child." To train up means to discipline, dedicate, or to form a proper shape. A child is one who is immature in judgment or life before maturity. This training should begin at birth and last as long as the child is under its parents' care. To train up, or dedicate, simply means to be given to God for service. Samuel was a child born through prayer and supplication, and Hannah kept her promise to God by having Samuel trained in service to the Lord. A child being raised by Holy-Ghost-filled parents should receive the same spiritual guidance and consecrated teaching which Samuel received while being trained by Eli.

Parents, look out for your child's soul security first. Don't waste time thinking of them as being young and innocent—get them in the altar as soon as possible. Then you must watch over them. When you see them err, take time to pray with them and show them the danger they are facing. Sit down and talk the matter over with your child, then pray with him until victory is won.

Training in the right way gives confidence and faith. When I was a soldier in World War II, I went through some tough training; but Uncle Sam was molding me for service. He wanted me to believe in what I was being trained for so I would be capable of facing the enemy with confidence and faith. If our children get the proper training from the Bible, they can and they will have faith in it.

One of the greatest errors parents are making is their failure to keep their eyes open and see the faults and failures in their own children. It's easy enough to see why someone else's child went wrong, isn't it? But what about that boy and girl of yours? Do you allow them to talk back to you?

Do you fail to punish them when they deserve punishment? "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes," Prov. 13:24. Don't let the Bible put you in the class of hating your child. Prove you love him by chastising him when it is needful. And, parents, here's a warning. Don't cater to the worldly desires which are born in us through our Adamic nature. May God have mercy on that parent who buys all kinds of jewelry for his child; who cuts their girl's hair and keeps it fashioned after the world; who buys the child a bathing suit and allows him to frequent public bathing places; who gives him money for show fare. Do Holy-Ghostfilled parents do this? Yes, they think they have such a love in their hearts for their children until they can't bear for them to be a separate people. They want their children to look and act like children of worldly parents. They think of their child's natural feelings, not his spiritual welfare. Parents, don't claim you love their souls and then, at the same time, practice giving them to the devil!

First Samuel 8:19b, 20a gives us a picture of a people who didn't want to be separated but chose to be as other nations. Too many parents think that "love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" is for them and that the children can accept that part of God's Word when they are older. But we must say, "Train up a child in the way he should go."

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 29:15. Keep that child under control. Don't leave him to himself, or to be his own father. "Love of himself—that heritage of woe." "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying," Prov. 19:18. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die," Prov. 23:13.

This is a day when parents need to be teaching their children to fear the Lord. "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord," Psalm 34:11. Get them in the altar; train them up to fear and love and serve God! "And, ye fathers,

provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," Eph. 6:4. If you don't train them up in the way of holiness, you are provoking them to wrath. If you don't train them, the devil will.

Children, remember when you talk back to a godly parent you deserve punishment. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right," Eph. 6:1. To obey is right; to disobey is wrong, or sin. God gives godly parents authority over their children. Eph. 6:2a says, "Honour thy father and mother," so it puts quite the same responsibility on both parents, even though the man is supposed to be head of the house. Some men are so weak they try to put all the load on the mother. Abraham was God's friend, and God said of him, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him," Gen. 18:19a.

1 Tim. 3:1, "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." And part of the qualifications is "one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity," 1 Tim. 3:4. A man may say, "I'm no, bishop." No, and you won't ever be one if you don't desire a good work. We all should strive forward, and we will, for there's no stopping place this side of eternity. No, you can't stand still, for John 15:2 states, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." So we must desire a good work and be prepared that God can use us for a good

Back to our text, Prov. 22:6. When a child is trained in the way of holiness, he will always know there isn't another way. Don't try to understand this scripture to mean that if your child backslides he will come back. He may come back, but just because this scripture is in God's Word, it doesn't, prove or guarantee that your child will come back to God. Some die and are lost who have been reaised in Christian homes. This is all the more reason why parents should be alert. Prohibit ungodly literature and join the "Pathway Book Club." Order reading material advertised in our Evangel. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

#### THE ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

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a position in the church, but it only represents a possession which has been received in the heart, and, as Jesus has said in Matt: 7:20: "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." This passage does not say we are to judge them; it only says we will know them. Much of our, learning can be had by the use of the eye. We are told that 87 per cent of all impressions that come to the mind of a person come through the eye. Jesus, speaking the words of God, spoke of the thing that was more important than all else—the life conduct of man.

#### The Aim of Jesus

John 4:34: "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." Then we see the true attribute of God.

#### What Did Jesus Do?

The quality and character of God was expressed in Jesus Christ. He was blameless: He was bold: He was devout; He was faithful; He was godly; He was sincere; He was lowly; He was upright; He was undefiled; He was true: He was understanding: He was pure in heart; He was steadfast; and, most important of all, Jesus finished he work through obedience, to a lost vorld and to His Father in heaven, through the image of Himself in His everyday life. The life Jesus lived before His fellow men had more to express to them than they could understand.

1 John 2:6: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." This writer tells us if we are to claim that He abides in our lives, we should walk as He walked.

#### Final Considerations

John 6:27: "Jesus said Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." Jesus came from heaven and brought the story about everlasting life, something that peoble could not understand when they were told about it.

A lesson we learn from the life of Jesus is that if we will convince a world of unbelievers, the way we live will be the best method by which to accomplish it. We must be steadfast in our convictions, faithful unto the end. We must be pure in heart, with an undefiled temple; live upright before God and man; and, most of all,

be very obedient to His divine Word of truth.

Hebrews 12:2: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Here was the aim of our Example. He had a mission, and He completed that mission as far as His life here was concerned; yet, the final work is still being done to-day, which will complete the work of our Lord at some distant date in the future.

Hebrews 7:25: "Wherefore he is able also to save them that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Yes, something must be done in the hearts of men, if they are to get to heaven, and, that is, they must all be saved from sin.

John 11:26: Jesus told a close friend, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" This will be necessary, sinner friend, if you are to ever be made a partaker of that heavenly calling in God.

#### Our Modern Day

It might suffice you to know that we are living in a day when many earthly things are being made manifest to our knowledge; and we appreciate all this learning; but, friend; man is still at a loss to prove much about God. Inventions might come and go and knowledge increase beyond measure, still, with no knowledge of God and His love for us, methods and plans will not find God, unless they are based upon faith.

The Holy Ghost flows through our bodies, not plans and methods. People are being instructed in many fields today, which makes living conditions better. Can it be that men go to hell today without knowing about it? God forewarned man in the very start, Genesis 2:17. God knew the danger that lay ahead. John 3:34: "For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him." If men go out into eternity without the knowledge of God, they will go out over the shed blood of His Son, the words which He spoke, and the life which He lived, for He was the attribute of God who came and lived among men, that we might know the way, and afterward follow that path, that we too might be the attribute of God likewise.

#### END TIMES

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the countries where they have control that they are the greatest obstacles of propagating the truth. Natives are kept in ignorance and superstition. How can such a system claim allegiance to Christ and have such a following when guilty of such indictments? Some have thought Paul had reference to the head of this system in 2 Thess. 2:3-12, but a mere reference to history will clear that up. This system was not in existence in Paul's day.

Now let us clear up some questions that may have arisen in your minds in respect to the arguments presented. There are a number of reasons why we cannot agree with Lord Cobham and others as to the Pope being the antichrist. We shall give you at least five reasons why he could not. First, he has not exalted himself above all that is God. Nor does he sit in the temple of God claiming to be God, as the antichrist will. 2 Thess. 2:4. The Catholic Church has not denied that Christ came in the flesh; the antichrist will deny this. 1 John 4. The antichrist rules for approximately seven years, whereas the Catholic Church has continued for some 1,300 years. The antichrist will have his way prepared for him as much through Protestant America as through Rome. He is yet to come. He is an individual and could be a re-incarnation. Rev. 13:3. The whole godless world setup, with all of its isms, will help to bring in the reign of this diabolical monster. His appearance will follow right on the heels of the rapture. In Revelations 4 the invitation is given to "come up hither," undoubtedly an indication for the fulfilment of 1 Thess. 4:17. Then, in Revelations 6, we have a description of the antichrist, who imitates Christ and who is portrayed in like figure riding on a white horse in Revelations 19. He is an imitator, a deceiver whose spirit has been present in the world since the writing of John. Some day soon he will be revealed to the whole world. We need not fear, for if we are saved and ready to meet Jesus, who comes in power and great glory in the air, his power will never reach us. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

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